

**Ravalli County Planning Board
Meeting Minutes for March 21, 2012
7:00 P.M.**

Commissioner's Meeting Room – 215 S. 4th Street, Hamilton, MT 59840

Public Meeting

Agenda 21 –Sustainable Development, presentation by: Dan Happel

Call to Order

The Ravalli County Planning Board meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Wisniewski. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Roll call

Members Present:

Vito Caliberti
Quinn Kirkland

Jan Wisniewski
Russ Zacha
John Conlan

Members Absent:

Mary Lee Bailey
Howard Eldredge

Fran Maki
Cheryl Tenold

Staff Present: Terry Nelson, Kevin Waller and Chris Taggart.

Also present: Dave Happel, Dave Heditch, Rhetta Clapper, Kezia Coon, Aunt-Marie Karpati, Lorraine Rowe-Conlan, Robert Myer, Reg McCutcheon, Gene Williams, Don Montgomery, Scott, Boulanger, Susanna Pyron, Shannon Plocher, Donna Montgomery, Darryl Sperry, Carolyn Sperry, Ken Payne, Michael Downey, Chad Strain, Zach Strain, Tim Muechle, Penny Howe, Jimmy Caton, Deidre Slagle, Steve Slagle, Alice Hind, Dan Cox and Jim Pearson.

Approval of Minutes: March 7, 2012

Due to a lack of quorum, the minutes from March 7, 2012 will be reviewed and moved upon at the April 4, 2012 meeting.

Amendments to Agenda:

Jan explained that at the last Planning Board meeting, a motion was made to allow public comment at the beginning of Planning Board meetings. He invited any public comments at this time.

Shannon Plocher spoke about the last Planning Board meeting where discussion was had with regard to opening public meetings with a prayer. He stated that he truly appreciates folks being here and all their time and energies spent within public service. Shannon then quoted the first line of the Montana Constitution and said he believes we are a Christian nation and that America is a free country. He then gave a prayer.

Robert Myer asked Dan Happel to talk about Madison County regulations with regard to new subdivision reviews, road requirements and pro rata.

Correspondence:

None.

Disclosure of actual, possible and perceived conflicts of interest:

None.

Communications from Staff:

None.

Unfinished Business:

None.

New Business:

Bill asked that the Planning Board by-laws, specifically pertaining to membership attendance and tardiness, be on the April 4, 2012 meeting agenda for discussion.

A) Dan Happel Presentation

Jan introduced Commissioner Dan Happel from Madison County District 2. Dan stated that he has been involved with the Liberty Movement all his life. He then gave a PowerPoint presentation on Agenda 21.

* Warm and Fuzzy Expressions being used to date include the following (list not all inclusive):

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| • Environment | • Protect |
| • New economy | • Preserve |
| • Equity | • Quality of life |
| • Consensus | • Benefit of all |
| • Affordable housing | • Sanctuary |
| • Friends of..... | • Social justice |
| • Action | • Water shed |

Mr. Happel suggested reading "Fed Ed", by Allen Quist and "Limits of Growth". He also suggested to all that they research the Delphi Technique; NGO (Non Governmental Organization); National Intelligence Council 2011 report; Global Governance 2025: At a Critical Juncture Executive Summary; ICLEI (International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives); New Commissioner Training handout – Montana Policy Review; "The Future of Local Agenda 21 In the New Millennium" by J. Gary Lawrence and the UN Charter of Human Rights. Mr. Happel concluded his presentation and invited questions from the public.

Robert Myer asked if Mr. Happel had any warnings or recommendations on current candidates running for the Presidency. Mr. Happel stated that only one Presidential candidate, Ron Paul, completely represents the Constitution. Mr. Happel then stated that he feels that this Country, on a national level, doesn't have a prayer but that at the local levels, we still have a shot. We need people to say what is wrong and are willing to do something about it.

Penny Howe asked what would be the best way to bring the younger generation into this. Mr. Happel suggested handing out the "Fed Ed" book to teachers, kids and schools. Penny then asked what about parents and kids; how do we engage them and get them to realize that they need to get involved now. Mr. Happel stated what he believes needs to happen is that people are going have to experience pain to get completely fed up. He then suggested handing out "Understanding Sustainable Development Agenda 21" pamphlets.

Gene Williams stated that he is very grateful Mr. Happel is here. He has been keeping his eye on Agenda 21 since 2000. At that time, no one knew about it. He then said it is hard to believe any of this is true and very hard to wrap ones head around it. Lots of people in the valley are doing work for these people, environmental groups especially. Glad to see that people are finally learning about this.

Ken Payne stated that he has a degree in planning/geography and has been involved in academic levels for a long time. This is a fight that needs to be waged at the local level. Mr. Payne stated that local Board positions are very important and it is high time for concerned people to get involved. Support the Boards with common folks at the local level.

Jim Fleischman stated that he has 'home-schooled' his children and then transferred them into a private school so that they would be well informed. He then stated that it is of the utmost importance that parents take responsibility for their children and their children's future.

Jim Pearson stated that when we go green we are really going red. We need people to stand up and have a backbone. He applauds all in attendance tonight for getting involved.

Mr. Happel stated that every 43 cents of every dollar in the United States is borrowed money. He then said if we have local leadership, consisting of good, strong people that can say no, we can survive.

Jan asked audience members to please identify themselves and state if they are in an elected or appointed position(s) and/or if they are running for office.

Gene Williams said it is our responsibility as citizens to educate everyone we know. If we are going to save this Country, everyone has to be a soldier.

Scott Boulanger asked what would be the best way to present this to someone who has never heard of it and or to introduce people to this. Mr. Happel said try to explain it to people and ask them to check it

out for themselves. That would be the difference between stupidity and ignorance. Mr. Happel also suggested one should carry website information with them to hand out.

Penny Howe suggested a book called "How Do You Kill 11 Million People" by Andy Andrews.

Reg McCutcheon stated that one thing to consider when talking in a group of like minded people, you are talking to the wrong people. Everyone should go to someone who doesn't agree with you. They need knowledge before they can have wisdom. And if you want to be believable, the information should be from someone of trust and education is key.

Communications from the Board:

None.

Communications from Public:

Penny Howe asked that since this meeting was filmed, would Mr. Happel object to making prints for circulation. Mr. Happel said that would be fine and had no objections to that. He then stated that he is willing to travel almost anywhere to get this information out.

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: April 4, 2012 at 7:00 pm

Adjournment:

Vito moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 PM. Seconded by John. All voted Aye.